

School Nursing Services

Children's Hospital Colorado provides comprehensive school health nursing services on a contractual basis to public school districts, charter schools, independent schools, early childhood, and childcare centers, before and after school programs and camps. The program provides support through consultation, referral information and in-service education and training offered to school and childcare professionals throughout the state. The program strives to support and facilitate the successful transition of children with complex health needs into the school and community environment and to promote partnerships between Children's Hospital Colorado, the educational system, families, and community programs. School nurse consultative services may be provided in-person or through virtual care (remotely).

Our school nurse consultants have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and are eligible for or are holding Colorado Department of Education licensure, as appropriate.

Child Care Clients

Standard Services Provided:

1. Provide assistance meeting regulatory health and safety requirements for early childhood and licensed child care programs.
2. Provide health consultation for children with identified health needs, including interpretation of health data and child health assessments.
3. Develop, train, implement and evaluate individualized health plans and/or emergency action plans and services for students with chronic or potentially emergency health care needs, as determined by the school nurse consultant.
4. Develop, train, supervise, and perform nursing procedures, including medication administration and special health procedures, related to specific health care services; delegate various duties through training and supervision to qualified non-nurses.
5. Promote and monitor immunizations, institute appropriate disease control measures, assist in the development of policy and provide recommendations to support public health law and educate about infectious and nuisance diseases.
6. Provide referrals to a health care provider based on case findings, staff referrals, family, and community requests.
7. Consult, develop, and interpret health policies.
8. Provide on-call nurse consultant services Monday through Friday during the hours the program is in session.

Additional Services Provided:

1. Connection to Children's Hospital Colorado programs and resources.
2. Access to Children's medical specialists for school-level town halls for staff and/or parents.
3. Early access to school health affinity programs led by Children's (i.e. Just-in-Time Schools ECHO learning series, conferences, and events).
4. Provision of monthly themed content (articles and a related photo) that schools can use in their communications (i.e., newsletter, email, etc.).
5. Enhanced partnership, advisement, and translation of school operations during emergency public health orders.